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Memorandum for Mr. Bower:

The records of this office are incomplete in that no charts showing the location of canneries, salteries, traps, and other fishery establishments in western Alaska have been filed since the one prepared several years ago by Mr. Fassett. It is necessary to refer to these charts for information which, in view of the many changes in the ownership of canneries in that district and the building of new ones with in recent years, is not obtainable. In the absence of up-to-date charts showing these facts, obvious difficulties arise in respect to the preparation of the report.

In the winter of 1916 a requisition was sent to the Coast and Geodetic Survey for two complete sets of charts for both central and western Alaska. Those for the western district were given to Mr. Christoffers with, as I thought, the understanding that they were to be marked and returned to the Bureau. The representatives of the Bureau in southeastern and central Alaska are required to submit such charts each season, and if they are useful to this office, it would seem that similar charts of the western district should be filed also.

I would suggest that something be done to secure charts for the season of 1918, and that the agent who goes to the Bristol Bay district in the coming years be required to prepare and file properly annotated charts promptly at the end of each season.

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